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GREAT AMERICAN PASTIME - March 6 - May 24, 2008

Washington DC – Akridge and Seaton Benkowski, in collaboration with Hemphill, are pleased to announce that the Carroll Square Gallery will open *Great American Pastime* on March 6, 2008 with public reception from 6:00 – 8:00pm. The exhibition will be on view through May 30, 2008.

"Baseball is an allegorical play about America, a poetic, complex, and subtle play of courage, fear, good luck, mistakes, patience about fate, and sober self-esteem." -Saul Steinberg

Few things are more beloved in this country than the sport of baseball. A team has the ability to unite its hometown in both delight and sorrow. For more than 150 years, baseball, our national pastime, has brought joy to Americans across the country. *Great American Pastime* will utilize the visual arts to celebrate the beginning of the 2008 baseball season and the opening of the new Nationals Stadium in Southeast DC. The exhibition will include paintings that depict the construction of the new Nationals Stadium by Martin Kotler; sculpture by John Dreyfuss; paintings by Lance Richbourg; panoramic images of stadiums by Jim Dow; photographs of little league players by Harry Connelly and minor league players by David Deal, as well as photographs of major league heroes and presidential first pitches from the Associated Press.

The Carroll Square Gallery 975 F Street, NW Washington, DC 20004

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday, 8AM – 6PM